

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claim 3 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 for failing to define the value of variable R0 and also made an objection to claims 1-7 for containing non-elected subject matter.

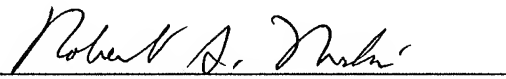
By the present Amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and 3 has been amended to define R0 with greater precision similar to the revisions formerly made in claims 1 and 2 that met the Examiner's previous rejection. In addition, claim 3 has been placed into independent form with the definitions of Z₂ and Z₃ being modified so that the substance of claim 3 is consistent with the election set forth in the Response to Restriction/Unity of Invention Requirement dated May 21, 2009. More specifically, in the Response applicants elected the subject matter of Group II relating to a tetracyclic ring structure such as illustrated by the compounds set forth on page 46 of the specification. By now reciting in claim 3 that Z₂ and Z₃ each independently represent a tetravalent organic group constituting unsubstituted naphthalene tetracarboxylic acid or dianhydride or substituted naphthalene tetracarboxylic acid or dianhydride, the claims of record define the tetracyclic ring structure. With respect to the defined substituents set forth in amended claim 3, the recited groups are disclosed on page 33, lines 1-9.

Since all matters raised in the Official Action had been fully met by the present Amendment, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the instant application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications relating to the non-elected subject matter.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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